

**COMMENT OF THE DAY**

**State Of Flux**

THERE is an air of unreality about the statement made by M. Mendes France, the French Premier-designate in which he talks about obtaining a "quick and honourable settlement" of the Indo-China problem. A quick agreement he might be able to reach with the Communists if he is prepared to accept conditions which are anything but honourable, but there is nothing about the current situation at the Geneva conference which suggests that any French representative can quickly break the stalemate and at the same time safeguard the principles which the whole of the non-Communist delegates are firmly resolved must be applied to any settlement of the Indo-China dispute. If, for example, M. Mendes France has in mind acceptance of the Vietnamese partition plan which would permit the rebels to achieve political domination of northern Vietnam and afford them considerable influence in Cambodia and Laos, this would be nothing less than a sell-out. Neither the United States nor Britain could be a party to such a settlement, for while it would ensure a ceasefire, it would completely compromise the future safety and integrity of Indo-China and would pave the way for the eventual control of the whole country by the Communists. M. Mendes France avers that he has ideas on how to reach an Indo-China settlement at Geneva which he intends to put before the French National Assembly this week. The world awaits their disclosure with unbecoming interest, but few, if any, believe that he can put forward a formula that will be equally acceptable to the Communist and non-Communist delegates.

The apparent optimism of M. Mendes France contrasts sharply with the latest attitude of Mr. Eden regarding the prospects of reaching an agreement at Geneva. The British Foreign Secretary has now suggested that tomorrow be regarded as the deadline for the conference to decide whether complete failure to compose differences must be officially admitted. In light of the new political situation in France this is, perhaps, rather rushing things, and it is unlikely that the Communists will be prepared to agree with Mr. Eden's proposal. It is extremely important for all parties concerned to know whether or not M. Mendes France has succeeded in winning sufficient support in the National Assembly to become Premier and form a Cabinet. If he obtains the required vote it will become imperative that he should be able to send a delegate to Geneva to place before the conference his proposals for an Indo-China settlement. On the other hand, if his candidature is rejected by the National Assembly there will be little point in continuing the present fruitless sessions at Geneva. Mr. Eden, it would appear, is anticipating that the French political crisis will not be adjusted for some time which would mean no hope of a Geneva agreement, unless, of course, the Communists indulged in a radical change of attitude on the fundamental points now in disagreement. A third contingency is that M. Mendes France will himself write off Geneva as a total failure and announce his determination to deal directly with the Vietnamese. That would be an extremely grave decision, for it would not only alienate France's alliance with America and Britain, but would prejudice the recently signed pact between France and the Associated States of Indo-China.

**EDEN'S GENEVA TALKS**

**Casey To Meet Chou En-lai**

Geneva, June 14. Mr. Richard Casey, Australian External Affairs Minister, is due to meet Mr. Chou En-lai, the Chinese Prime Minister, within the next few days. It was learned here tonight. It will be the first high-level contact between the Australian and Chinese Governments as Australia does not recognise the Peking regime. It is understood that the meeting being arranged between Mr. Casey and Mr. Chou would not have any special diplomatic significance. It would be a friendly informal meeting in the Chinese villa outside Geneva, at which the two statesmen would talk over the general situation in Southeast Asia. Mr. Chou is known to have expressed a desire to meet Mr. Casey who does not disguise his feeling that a meeting with Mr. Chou would be of mutual benefit.—Reuter.

**Questions In Plenty Await Govt**

London, June 14. Sir Winston Churchill and his Cabinet will tomorrow discuss the Geneva conference now apparently moving quickly toward a deadlocked end. The House of Commons will reconvene later in the day after a recess. Sir Winston Churchill is anxious for some of the latest background on the latest conference reports. A group of opposition questions on the conference awaits the Prime Minister. But Sir Winston Churchill is said to be against any lengthy pronouncement while the situation is so delicately poised — and before tomorrow's scheduled plenary session on Korea. Questioners may therefore receive only brief answers though some of the Socialist Opposition may apply pressure in the form of supplementary queries. The Cabinet will have before it a report from Field Marshal Sir John Harding, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, who returned yesterday from Washington, where he headed the British delegation to five-power military staff talks on Southeast Asia. The talks were confined to senior American, Australian, British, French and New Zealand officers. The Cabinet will also consider a report by Mr. Duncan Sandys, Minister of Supply, on his recent Washington discussions on guided missile development with Mr. Charles Wilson, United States Secretary of Defence. A joint statement issued after the talks from which Mr. Sandys returned today, said Britain and America expected to speed up development of guided weapons "for use in the common defence".—Reuter.

**Commuted**

London, June 14. The War Office today commuted the death sentence of a British soldier, Fusilier Edward McKinney of Manchester, convicted of slaying an Egyptian police officer, to 12 years imprisonment.—United Press.

**Diet Parties Settle Differences**

Representatives of Japan's five major political parties, meeting to find a way to remedy the political confusion that followed the June 3 Diet riot, agreed late tonight on a plan to settle differences.

The agreement reached between the parties was vague in detail and it is not immediately clear what effect it would have on the political situation. The parties agreed to meet at the Diet tomorrow (Tuesday) when a joint resolution would be adopted pledging "self admonition" by all members. During the meeting, the parties were expected to make a joint apology for the riot.

**DEADLINE Tomorrow If Deadlock Remains**

Geneva, June 14. Britain today proposed the suspension of the Indo-China peace talks here if at the next session on Wednesday the conference was still deadlocked, conference sources said.

Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, proposed at today's 13th secret session that the nine-nation negotiations be wound up until after the representatives of the two opposing High Commands, now meeting here, had finished their work and reported.

Mr. Eden doubted if the conference could achieve anything by continuing to discuss its unresolved problems.

He asked the other delegation leaders to reply to his proposal at Wednesday's session, the sources said.

The decision to meet on Wednesday was made after Mr. Walter Bedell Smith, leader of the United States delegation, had suggested that the conference should devote another session to the future of Laos and Cambodia, the two smaller Indo-China states.

It was stated in conference circles after the session that if the negotiations here broke up without the ministers being able to give political guidance to the military experts, it was doubtful if the conference would ever reconvene.

There was no response today from the Communist side to Mr. Eden's proposal.

The restricted session in the Palace of Nations—first for 10 days—was arranged at a meeting this morning between Mr. Eden and Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, who presided.

Conference sources said that the nine ministers agreed to meet again on Wednesday to study the problem of Cambodia and Laos, the two smaller Indo-China states.

A plenary session of the 19-nation Korean conference—also in deadlock—has been arranged for tomorrow (Tuesday).

A communiqué issued after today's four-and-a-half-hour meeting said: "At a restricted session on June 14, the nine delegations continued their discussion on the restoration of peace in Indo-China."

"Their next restricted meeting on this subject will be held on June 16 (Wednesday)."

Mr. Eden made his proposal at the end of today's meeting, the sources said. He recalled his statement to the plenary session last Thursday when he had defined the basic divergences and given a warning that the conference should solve them or admit failure.

Mr. Eden told today's session that in his view, the discussions should be suspended for the time being until the military representatives of the two opposing High Commands now meeting here had reported back to the conference. Then, he said, the delegations could meet again to examine the military representatives' recommendations.

Mr. Eden agreed that there should be a session on Laos and Cambodia, the sources said. But he said that if the conference made no progress on

Laos and Cambodia, he doubted if they can achieve anything by continuing to discuss unresolved difficulties.

He, therefore, proposed that they would be wise to agree to suspend the negotiations until the military representatives had completed their work. They could then reconvene to consider their report.

After making his suggestion, Mr. Eden said he did not expect any of his colleagues to give an immediate answer. But he hoped they would do so at the next session.

**MOLOTOV'S PROPOSAL**

Mr. Molotov, who presided today, opened the meeting by proposing that India should preside over the proposed international armistice commission and have a casting vote in some questions if deadlock was reached.

He made it clear that he still thought the commission should comprise the four nations Russia proposed a fortnight ago — India, Pakistan, Poland, and Czechoslovakia. But Mr. Molotov said that decisions would have to be unanimous on questions connected with violations or the threat of violations of the armistice agreement which could lead to "a reopening of hostilities" and on any proposed amendments to the agreement.

He said a simple majority vote would be permissible on questions relating to the ban on reinforcement of both sides, on whether the commission should investigate alleged armistice violations and on matters relating to its own terms of reference.

Mr. Molotov insisted that the international supervisory commission should work "in parallel" with the joint committees set up by the two sides to control the truce lines.

"NOT A CONCESSION" Mr. Molotov, sharply criticized Mr. Molotov's plan.

Mr. Eden said that what had been presented as an apparent

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**Mendes France Breaks Tradition Premier-Designate Outlines Policy**

Paris, June 14.

France will resume Indo-China peace negotiations at Geneva with the expectation of bringing them to a successful conclusion if the left-wing Radical leader, M. Pierre Mendes France, is elected Prime Minister later this week.

Breaking with tradition tonight, M. Mendes France outlined his main policy to reporters before presenting himself to Parliament.

He made it clear there was no question of abandoning the Associated States. But realities must be taken into account, he said.

France could not expect to get peace in Indo-China on such good terms as she might have had a year ago, when he had urged the Government to negotiate with Vietnamese leader Ho Chi-minh.

He said that after talking to military experts all day he had come to the conclusion that a solution corresponding to what the French people wanted could be obtained in Geneva.

This was taken to mean: (1) That the military advisers considered the French Expeditionary force in Indo-China was by no means in a separate position, and

(2) That the new Premier-designate was ready to make fresh concessions to the Vietnamese, which the outgoing Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, had refused to contemplate.

He assured reporters "my policy is the exact opposite of capitulation."

Some observers believe he has a chance of being elected Prime Minister if only because recent indications from the United States have made Conservative members of Parliament doubt if American public opinion would permit any armed intervention in Indo-China.

Accordingly, they might feel inclined to vote for a man who based his policy on the assumption that "internationalizing" the Indo-China conflict did not arise.

**MILITARY TALKS** France today was moving towards a government ready to pay a greater price for peace in Indo-China than was the outgoing Laniel Cabinet with its Foreign Minister Georges Bidault.

Left-wing leader Pierre Mendes France, asked to form a government, this morning made it clear that his foremost thought is Indo-China. During the day he saw General Guillaume, new Chief of the General Staff, as well as the Chiefs of Staff of the Army, Air Force and Navy. He also saw M. Bidault about the Geneva negotiations and will have further talks with Foreign Office officials on this subject tomorrow.

Apart from his speech in the Assembly last Wednesday, M. Mendes France today gave no indication of what his policy would be. His speech last week indicated that he might combine reinforcements of French troops in Indo-China with larger concessions to the Vietnamese in the Geneva negotiations. What those larger concessions would be remained a matter of speculation. Political commentators thought that in contrast with Bidault (supported by Mr. Eden and Mr. Bedell Smith), M. Mendes France might be prepared to discuss political concessions with the Communist side in Geneva at the

**On State Visit**



Marshal Tito drives with King Paul of the Hellenes through the streets of Athens during Tito's state visit to Greece recently. The outcome of the visit was the signing of a military alliance between Yugoslavia and Greece. — London Express.

**Hillary Back Safely**

Dhankuta, Nepal, June 13. Mount Everest conqueror Sir Edmund Hillary, who suffered a malaria attack on towering Makalau Peak, walked into Dhankuta today unaided with a group of porters carrying an injured member of his mountaineering expedition to the civilisation.

The rangy New Zealander's successful descent relieved the fears of an anxious world for the man who conquered the world's highest mountain last year.

Dr. Michael Ball, physician who accompanied Hillary's Makalau expedition, said it was a malaria attack Hillary suffered after rib fractures sustained rescuing a fellow climber who had tumbled into a 600-foot crevasse.

Hillary's illness was not pneumonia as first reported, Ball said.

The injured climber, Charles McFarlane, was carried down from Makalau in a chair made from a wooden box and lugged along by Sherpa guides.

Ball said McFarlane was progressing satisfactorily but might have the tip of his right little finger amputated. — United Press.

**Campaign Against Tunisian Outlaws**

Tunis, June 14.

France rushed additional troops reinforcements today to South Tunisia where about 10 persons died in terrorist attacks and French commander-in-chief Gen. Pierre De Latour told his men "I expected each of you to return with the head of a Fellagha."

The General spoke to several units of tough colonial troops, including Moroccan Babor Tabor riflemen en route to the Le Kef region which has become the centre of the outlaws terrorist activity.

The Fellaghas, who call themselves the Tunisian "Liberation Army" were blamed for a series of attacks over the week-end in the desolate sparsely-populated Le Kef region which authorities in the French protectorate said cost the lives of about 10 persons.

A 100-men Fellagha band stormed an isolated French farm near Ebbu Kasur yesterday, murdered the owner Charles Pica and kidnapped a Swiss farmer M. Lugon and a French soldier before other French guards could be alerted.

**FIVE KILLED** The daring raid occurred in the same area where five French soldiers were savagely slain by the Fellaghas late last month.

Five Tunisians were killed and five wounded at Dejebel Aboud, near Beja, when a gang of Fellaghas opened fire with rifles and sub-machineguns on natives participating in the French-sponsored elections to economic bodies. The ballot was boycotted by extreme nationalist parties and most of the elected officials were members of movements urging independence from French controls.

After the lightning attack, the Fellaghas escaped after stealing horses tied in front of the electoral office.

Authorities reported at least four more deaths in the region. A Fellagha, dressed in a khaki uniform bearing the ensigns of the "Liberation Army" was found dead near Kasserine. Police said he was shot through the head apparently by another Fellagha.—United Press.

**RANSOM MONEY RECOVERED**

Phoenix Arizona, June 14. The \$75,000 in currency paid for the release of Evelyn Ann Smith, 23-year-old kidnapped victim, has been found in the Superstition Mountains area where the payment was made.

The news that the money had been found was relayed to the City Detective Bureau in Phoenix. No details were known immediately.—United Press.

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# RECORD INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAST YEAR

## But UN Report Says Situation Is Still Precarious

New York, June 14.

International trade reached record levels last year, but "severe strains" accompanied the big industrial expansion in Russia and Eastern Europe, according to a United Nations report published today.

The annual world economic report described the year 1952-53 as "one of the most satisfactory since the war" with relatively low unemployment, lowering of trade barriers and levelling up of the dollar world's balance with the non-dollar world, "especially the sterling area."

But it added a warning that the situation was still "precarious." Many improvements might be of only temporary significance and continued full employment in the major countries was not assured.

The Communist states had decided by 1953 that they would have to slow down the rapid production of goods for investment and use more of their resources to increase production of consumer and agricultural goods, it said.

"Drastic alterations" in long and short term plans had been made. Meanwhile, consumption had been increased by running down stocks. The increase in agricultural output planned was so great that "its achievement would form a major task for the area."

The report concluded that this need for consumer goods coupled with the appearance of a currency in Western Europe for providing them appears to be providing the basis for a recovery in East-West trade — which fell away between 1950 and 1953, but appeared to be recovering later last year.

Communist China's industrial production had also risen rapidly since 1950, and it was intended to increase the output of consumer goods by taking surplus rural labour into the factories. Supplies of goods had already increased.

### NO PLANS

Warning that the improvement in world trade might not be maintained, the report noted there were no international plans to meet possible recurrences of the frequent and often violent fluctuations in the prices of raw commodities during recent years.

Under-developed countries which rely largely on raw material exports did not generally fare as well as the economically balanced countries and many suffered setbacks in economic activity and investment during the year.

The report reviewed economic developments from 1950 to 1953 and attributed the underlying improvement in the dollar problem during this as a whole to an increase in the output of agricultural products and of fuels in the non-dollar area.

It said the balance of the non-dollar world with the dollar area improved considerably in 1952-53 — and was especially rapid in the sterling area.

It added though that when considering progress towards a solution of the dollar problem it was important to realise that the demand for dollars was still restrained by fairly rigid trade and exchange controls in a large part of the world.

### REPORT ON CHINA

The report said the period from 1950 to 1953 was one of "recovery from the civil war" in Communist China.

Industrial production rose rapidly in that period as war damage was made good. Food supplies increased.

The Chinese Communists planned to make heavy investments in the textiles industry and increase the output of consumer goods by taking surplus rural labour into the factories.

Private firms were to be gradually transformed into partly state and partly private enterprises or put to work entirely on Government contracts.

## Why He Stole His Wife's Clothes

Capetown, June 14. A man accused of stealing 270 worth of his wife's clothing told the Port Elizabeth magistrate that he fetched the clothes from the railway station baggage office to prevent her leaving him.

They had argued the previous night. It was not his intention to steal the things, he said. He had planned to return them to her. He left the luggage with a neighbour.

The husband, Richard John Harris, 20, was acquitted. — China Mail Special.

## Plea For Shorter Speeches

Geneva, June 14.

French ex-Premier Paul Ramadier, President of the International Labour Conference, told delegates today he had 67 more speakers on his list.

The conference had already heard 57 speakers, he said. Unless there was more concision in speeches, the conference would have to go on beyond its scheduled closing date of June 20.

Among today's speakers was Mr. S. Thondaman, Ceylon workers' delegate, who declared that the ILO should frame certain model regulations suitable for under-developed countries in order to establish industrial and labour management on a sound footing.

"If the experience of several countries like Ceylon were pooled, there is no doubt that an Industrial Dispute Act which meets the purpose could be designed," he said.

Mr. Tran Quoc Buu, Vietnamese workers' delegate, appealed to the Geneva Asiatic conference meeting in the same building to end hostilities in his country. He said that cessation of the war in Vietnam was only part of the major task of re-establishing peace in all Asia.

Mr. Tran Quoc Buu added: "I know that millions of Asians suffer a worse misery than ourselves. Poverty is a bad counsellor and it is difficult to ask the masses that are thirsting for simple justice to choose liberty."

He said that nothing should disrupt the country. "Freedom of trade unionism for all without discrimination is something that we will not only defend against any attacks from public authority, but something we intend to preserve intact from all interference no matter from whence it comes." — Reuter.

## Planes To Carry Pilgrims

Surabaya, Indonesia, June 14. Five new C-340 transports of Garuda Indonesian Airways will fly to Jeddah with Moslem pilgrims to the Holy City of Mecca, it was learned today.

The planes will wait at Jeddah or Beirut to bring back the estimated 240 Indonesian Moslems who will make the pilgrimage.

Later the transports will be put into service on air routes in the Indonesian archipelago. — United Press.

London, June 14. General Arolano, military adviser to the Philippine delegation at Geneva, will fly tomorrow to Washington to report to the Philippine Chief of Staff, General Jesus Vargas.

General Arolano, director of training of the Philippine Army, flew here today on his way back from the conference.

The Philippines and Thailand have responded favourably to the original American proposals about setting up a Southeast Asian security pact, for which the five-power military talks in Washington were a preliminary measure. — Reuter.

## £1,000m. Plan To Rebuild Panama Canal

New York, June 14. The U.S. Government will devote soon what to do about plans that have been submitted for rebuilding the Panama Canal at a cost of more than £1,000 million.

One proposal is to change the waterway from a canal, with locks which lift ships up through different levels to a sea-level channel through which ships could pass from the Atlantic to the Pacific almost without altering speed.

The canal, which was 50 years old in May, is considered inadequate for modern needs.

It took 10 years for Americans to complete the 51-mile canal after they took over the task in 1904. Since it was opened on August 15, 1914, ships have passed through the narrow locks almost 250,000 times.

Experts now warn that it must be replaced with something not only able to cope with more and bigger ships, but also defensible against atom bomb attack.

Engineers in a report to Congress estimate it would take about 40,000 men working 10 years to modernise the canal. If it is converted into a sea-level waterway, they would have to move more rock and soil than was excavated during the original mountain moving operations.

## STAR

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## KOREAN TALKS ENDING

IN GENEVA  
West Prepares  
Declaration  
Of FailureAbominable  
Snowmen  
Scare Sherpas

Katmandu, June 14. One or more Yell, better known as "abominable snowmen," visited the base camp of the Japanese Himalaya expedition at Druk Pokhari, one of the Sherpas attached to the expedition told the press today.

The expedition, which was attempting to climb Ganesha Himal, had established its base camp at an altitude of 14,000 feet at a place called Druk Pokhari. Two Sherpas claim that during the night of May 14 they heard voices near their tent. They also heard other voices about the camp.

They said they saw "strange creatures" looking into their tent and heard them say "something" which sounded like "koo koo koo." The frightened Sherpas cried out to awaken their comrades and their cries drove away the Yell.

A search was made next morning for traces of the creatures, but it had snowed all night and there were no more footprints.

Expedition members, headed by Y. Hotta, confirmed that they had not heard the cries or noises supposed to have been made by Yell. — France-Press.

American Plan  
To Evacuate  
French Wounded

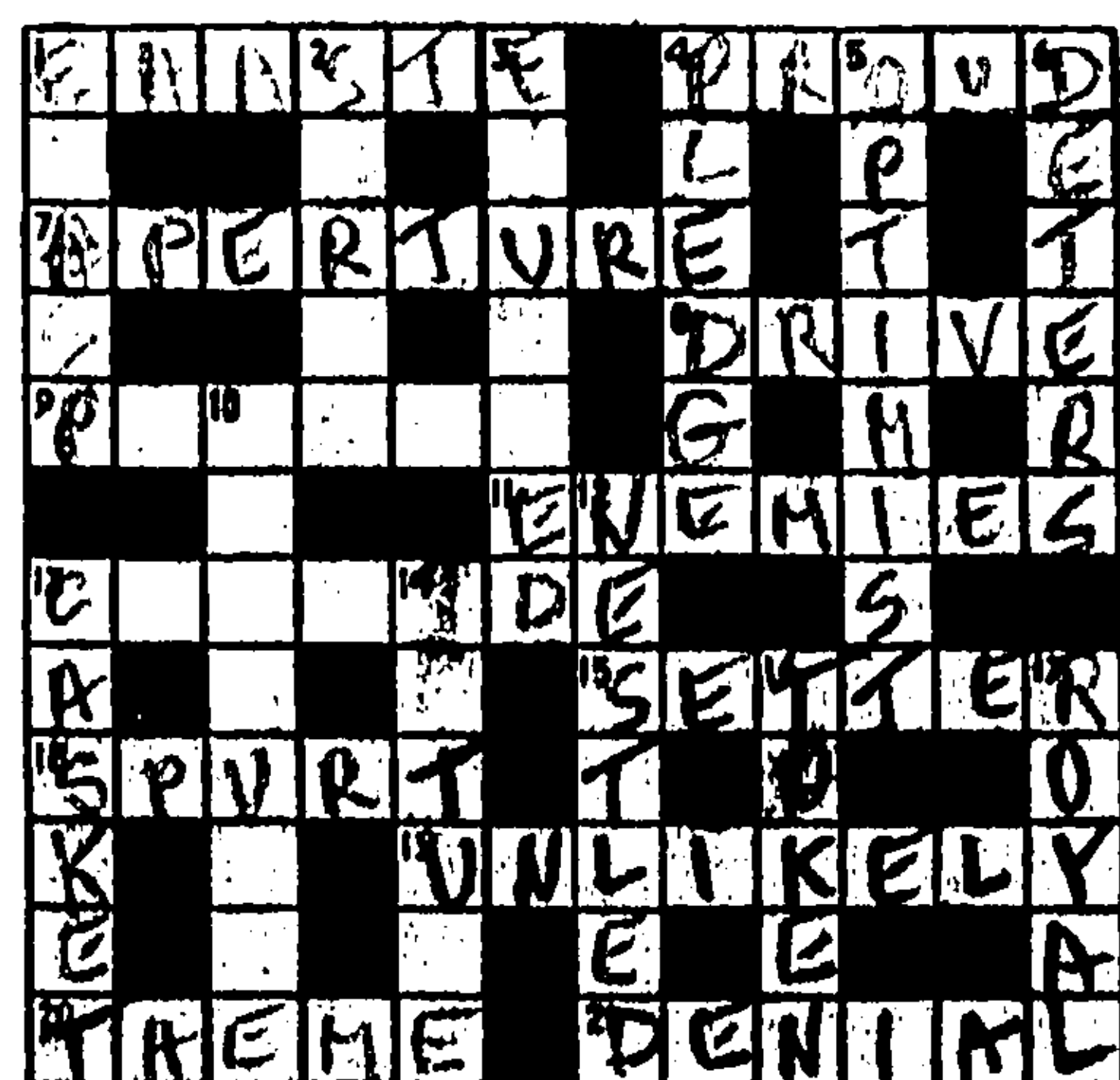
Washington, June 14. The evacuation of about 1,000 French soldiers wounded at Dien Bien Phu from Hanoi to France or North Africa will probably start at the end of this week aboard American aircraft, it was learned today.

American air transport experts have been working on this new method over the weekend and said today that the rate of evacuation would depend on the condition of the wounded.

The American experts said that they could evacuate 200 men every week without increasing the number of planes now in the Pacific area but that they would be ready to provide a few more aircraft if necessary.

It was believed the evacuation would be conducted in three phases: 1. From Hanoi to an unnamed point, which might be Japan, aboard "Globe-masters" of the 315th Air Division in the Far East. 2. From this point to Travis, California, and then to the West-over military base in Massachusetts aboard "Strato-freighters" of the "Pacific division". 3. From Massachusetts to Orly, the Paris Airport.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Pure (6).
  - 4 Haughty (5).
  - 7 Opening (6).
  - 8 Impel (5).
  - 9 Marlonette (6).
  - 11 Feet (7).
  - 13 Eat into (7).
  - 16 Sporting dog (6).
  - 18 Gnat out (5).
  - 19 Improbable (6).
  - 20 Subject (5).
  - 21 Contradiction (6).
- DOWN
- 1 Clutch (5).
  - 2 Treachery (6).
  - 3 Triumphed (7).
  - 4 Solemn promise (6).
  - 5 One who looks on the bright side (6).
  - 6 Hinder (5).
  - 10 Induce (6).
  - 12 Snuggled (7).
  - 13 Small box (6).
  - 14 Stupid (6).
  - 16 Symbol (5).
  - 17 Regal (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Asks, 4. Canoe, 5. Feet, 9. Alto, 10. Postern, 11. Koon, 12. Poo, 14. Reveals, 17. Oms, 19. Valse, 22. Terrier, 23. Mead, 27. Vice, 28. Humble, 29. Noun, 30. Road, 31. Flatter, 32. Stow, Down: 1. Seldom, 2. Spoken, 4. Caper, 5. Atoned, 6. Tills, 7. Enrol, 12. Port, 13. Seer, 15. Able, 16. Mord, 18. Severe, 20. Amends, 21. Salute, 23. Equal, 24. Robot, 25. Hider.

New Mosque For Moslems  
In LondonArmy's Warning To  
Politicians  
In Syrian Crisis

Damascus, Syria, June 14. The Army stepped back into Syrian politics today with the warning that it will take over supervision of new national elections unless politicians get together into a coalition Government to end the national crisis.

Hashem Atassi, Syria's 80-year-old President, was still trying to form a new administration when military authorities issued the warning.

Atassi was faced with the task of forming a new Government on Saturday after the resignation of

Italian Trade  
Agreement  
With Red China  
Reported

Geneva, June 14. Reliable sources revealed today Chinese Communist delegates to the Geneva conference had signed a trade agreement with a group of leading Italian businessmen.

Although the amount of the deal was not known, the sources said the Italians offered to export to Communist China chemical and pharmaceutical products, fertilizers, textiles and electrical and mechanical equipment.

The Italian delegation, headed by Signor Dino Genovese, President of the Italian branch of the "China Import & Export Co.," had assured the Chinese the Italian Government would intercede with Cocom (which, under NATO sponsorship, controls embargo on strategic exports to Communist countries) to get the necessary authorization for the export of Italian goods.

It was understood a Chinese mission will go to Italy soon to study the full possibilities of Italian industry while an Italian mission will make a similar visit to China to study the trade possibilities there.

Some members of the US delegation to the Geneva conference have made enquiries of the Italians to find out the details of the agreement, the sources said.

After the Chinese-Italian negotiations both sides held a banquet last Sunday, at which the Chinese Assistant Minister of Foreign Trade, Mr. Lai Jem-min, was present.

The Chinese Premier and Foreign Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, received the Italians who took part in the negotiations. — France-Press.

Premier's Cousin  
Given Top Post

Colombo, June 14. Captain Dixon Kotelawala, cousin of Prime Minister Sir John Kotelawala, has been appointed Director of Civil Aviation. It was announced today.

Captain Kotelawala, who has been actively concerned with civil aviation from its early days, was Deputy Director of the Civil Aviation Department until his promotion to the top post.

He was in the royal Air Force and saw action during World War II. — United Press.

Diamond Cutters  
On Strike

Antwerp, June 14. More than 700 diamond cutters and some others went on strike today for the maintenance of their present wages.

The strikers claim that they are no longer receiving the agreed rate of pay for cutting diamonds because there is a shortage of work in the industry. — Reuters.

## MOCK ATTACK ON USA

Sirens Sent Ike  
Hurrying  
Down The Stairs

Times Square Cleared In 70 Seconds

Washington, June 14. President Eisenhower hurried into the White House air raid shelter today to take refuge from a fleet of imaginary atomic bombers attacking the United States in the biggest civil defence operation since World War II.

The eerie wail of sirens sounded the red alert in the capital promptly at 10.01 a.m. By pre-arranged plan, traffic was halted on all down-town streets and police guided pedestrians into shelters.

President Eisenhower, who was working at his White House desk when the alert sounded, got up immediately and walked quickly with members of his staff and hundreds of White House workers to the underground shelter. He was joined there by Mrs. Eisenhower.

The Chief Executive and ranking members of his staff have working quarters in the shelter. During the drill, they worked at their desks and tested telephone, teletype and short-wave radio facilities linking the shelter with the outside world.

Simultaneously, Civil Defence workers in New York set a record by clearing Times Square within 70 seconds after the sirens sounded. The operation, in which some 3,000 persons were directed into shelters, was carried out in 30 seconds less time than was required at the last Civil Defence test.

In the realistic New York exercise, passengers boarding a Northwest Airlines plane for Seattle were quickly disembarked and sent to shelters at Idlewild airport. Judges, attorneys, witnesses and defendants at the Federal Court House in Foley Square were escorted from court-rooms into corridor shelter areas.

Some Manhattan skyscrapers, including the towering Chrysler building, presented a striking spectacle as shades were drawn on nearly all windows during the drill. But many office workers in other tall buildings failed to follow the rules and flocked to windows to stare out during the test.

The "attack" by more than 400 hypothetical enemy bombers was presumed to have struck 14 major cities in the United States and eight in Canada. In many of the "target cities," however, the drill was confined to a staff exercise for Civil Defence workers.

Most ambitious programme of public participation was in Mobile, Alabama, where some 25,000 persons were to be evacuated from the downtown area to the outskirts.

In Pittsburgh, police halted traffic and streets were fairly well cleared, despite the fact that the alarm system did not work ideally and some sections of the city did not get the alert. — United Press.

Jap General  
Asks To Join  
Thai Army

Bangkok, June 14. A Japanese general has offered his service to the Thai Army to prepare it against a possible Communist attack, a reliable source said today.

The source said the report identified him as General Nakamura who commanded the Japanese land forces in Thailand during World War II. He is now retired from the Japanese Army.

General Nakamura is said to have told Thai Government officials who recently returned from Tokyo that he thought he would be most qualified for a job in the Thai Army in view of his familiarity and experience with the terrain in the country as the result of his command of the Japanese occupation forces during World War II.

The sources said General Nakamura did not specify whether he wanted a job as an adviser, General or as a military leader to the Thai Army. He said that he had not made any formal application to the Thai Government.

Thai Government officials who were recently in Japan said General Nakamura is now living in Yokohama and is engaged in trade with Thailand. His house is always open to Thai visitors to Japan.

The source recalled that General Nakamura saved many Thai people from being killed by the Japanese Army. A Japanese staff meeting decided on punitive actions to put down the assistance movement which was then harassing the Japanese forces. General Nakamura intervened and stood out against the decision which could have meant a bloody massacre. — United Press.

Danger Of  
'Low-Grade'  
Wars

Washington, June 14. Admiral Robert B. Carney said today the United States must either take "timely action" to stop the Communists or let their piecemeal conquests put America in the "greatest jeopardy."

Admiral Carney, who is Chief of Naval Operations and member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he believed a major war was neither "imminent nor inevitable" although "some fool could trigger it off."

But he added, with an eye on the Indo-China crisis, that the free world already was involved in a "low-grade" war in which "any local involvement could increase gradually to a general conflict."

Admiral Carney, expressing his views in a copyrighted interview with the magazine U.S. News and World Report, pointed out that "every time the Communists seize areas in little wars like Korea and Indo-China they not only add to their own power but subtract from the Allies."

"The tough alternatives," he said, "are to accept a measure of defeat or take a stand to prevent that defeat with timely action."

"This is not a warning," he said, "but a simple statement of fact." "The slow accretion of power continues each one at our expense," he said, "the time will come when we are in a position so inferior that our very existence and certainly our existence as a free people is in the gravest jeopardy." — United Press.

Warning On  
Build-up  
Of Red Army

Washington, June 14. The Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, General Alfred Gruenther, today was reported to have told Congress of "improved and modernized" Soviet forces building up behind the Iron Curtain.

The Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, Mr. Robert Chipfield (Republican, Illinois), who heard the General in a private session, said General Gruenther also told of "significant" improvements made by the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation forces last year.

General Gruenther was also reported to have told the Committee there were no indications that a reduction in forces might be realized in the near future.

But the Command, he said, was currently reviewing plans and programmes with special regard to the application of new atomic weapons.

Mr. Chipfield said General Gruenther "unreservedly" supported the Eisenhower Administration's recommendations for pushing ahead with the mutual security programme.

The Secretary of Defence, Mr. Charles E. Wilson, also told the Committee the programme must go on "so long as the Soviet threat of aggression remains."

He said a proposed military assistance programme expenditure of \$1,500,000,000 was "realistic and adequate."

"Our planning for military assistance should not be suddenly cut to a point where we would reach to the pulling down the flag," he said. — United Press.



The ceremony of the laying of the foundation stone of the London Central Mosque, where London Moslems celebrated their festival of Id ul Fitr, the breaking of the fast of Ramadan, at the Islamic Cultural Centre, Regent's Lodge, London. — Express Photo.



# The B-O-O-M Trail

starts with a goat... and ends with a sweater for a girl with dollars

By TREVOR EVANS

I NEVER expected to become fascinated by the peculiarities of the Mongolian goat.

I went to Hawick (pronounced Hoyk) in the Scots Border country, because it is Britain's boom town. It earns more dollars per head than any town in these islands. The secret is cashmere.

That is where the Mongolian goat came in.

Mr Charles Oliver, the head of Lyle and Scott, one of the big three knitwear producing firms in the town, was explaining why cashmere twin sets sell at £15 to £18 in the fashion stores of America.

They will cost more when Dior-designed, Hawick-produced jumpers get there in the autumn.

FINGERS  
proud and nimble

BUT let M. Dior await the praise his name may bring to Hawick. The Mongolian goat should be in the centre-piece of Hawick's coat-of-arms.

He dwells in the Chinese Himalayas. Tribesmen find him difficult to catch.

Each goat yields only three ounces a year of the hair which becomes cashmere. So six goats have to be caught and plucked for one sweater.

And the stuff has to be carried across the Gobi and other deserts to Tientsin, shipped down the coast to Shanghai, imported to this country by a Yorkshire firm which has a near-monopoly, and when it reaches Hawick it costs £5 a lb.

Mr Oliver then made a pawky disclosure about the Mongolian goat. There are two of him. One lives in Chinese territory, the other on Soviet soil. The hair from the Chinese Mongol emerges in a "natural" colour when washed. The Soviet Mongol is perverse. His hair comes out in many colours. Sometimes it has to be dyed back to "natural."

Mr Oliver is too busy being prosperous to bother about why this should be so.

So is Hawick. Where the Mongolian goat grudgingly leaves off, the Hawick folk take over, with their veneration for quality, their proud, nimble fingers, and their unbelievably intricate machinery.

The customer pays for all this, and Hawick people think the price reasonable. They do well out of it. Their average earnings are £10 a week. So many a Hawick home has an intake of £30 to £40 a week, for everybody works here. There is not an unemployed man or woman in the town, except for the handful of unemployables.

They all think this boom is going to last. The boom that in a year gives each operative an average output of £1,400, and that brings in £870 in foreign currency for each worker... The boom that has earned £10,000,000 worth of dollars in the last five years.

Personally, I am cautious about the permanence of a boom which rests on luxury and on fashion. Not so those realistic bourgeois of Hawick. They say: "Aye, mon, fashion is fickle, but our bread and butter comes from the simple, classic lines of the jumper. You canna confuse nature all that much."

CENTRE  
of world

AND what has this bursting prosperity made of the townsfolk of Hawick? Tears come into their eyes as the sprightly weaver, Bobbie Wallace, sings so beautifully at local dinners that Hawick is centre of the world. They believe it, too.

And the Provost, Mr George Fraser, who apologises for having been born near Edinburgh, now feels sorry for the unlucky ones who do not live in Hawick.

I asked my driver, a Hawick man, as I passed through lovely Melrose: "What is the name of that beautiful river?" He snorted contemptuously. "Och, that's only the Tweed." There is no river to a Hawick man like the Blithie or Teviot, on which Hawick deigns to flourish.

Condemn them not for this sturdy pride. They do more than their share to build up Britain's independence. And envy them their honesty.

Charles Oliver spends many months a year finding out what his customers want all over the world. He employs 650 of the 3,000 men and women in knitwear in Hawick. There are 470 women on Charles Oliver's payroll. He won't have one security guard or snoper in his factories. Not one garment has been pilfered since the war.

THE POLICE  
understand and help

EVEN the police in Hawick are on the side of prosperity. Mr Oliver was entertaining a group of Dominion buyers. They stayed well into the dusk at their conference, and as Mr Oliver emerged he found a policeman switching on the car lights.

The policeman explained: "I was told your guests were buyers. All that is good for Hawick."

Such a town deserves such policemen.

But I go back to my most fascinating recollection of Hawick. Those Mongolian goats.



"Remember, they're ours now—I want Margaret Leighton and you want Claire Bloom." London Express Service

# A Picture Story Captures History

By Leonard Mosley

A VERY frightened little man in an oversized parachute jacket crouched behind a hedge in a Normandy meadow just before dawn on June 6, 1944.

A hundred yards away, nosing through the undergrowth like an angry rhinoceros — and searching, the frightened man thought, especially for him — was a Nazi tank.

The frightened man looked down to the Normandy beaches and watched the Allied invasion fleet coming in. He saw the guns of the Royal Navy's escort ships open up.

Heavy Shadows

He watched the barrage of protective fire from the rocket ships lighting up the murky beach (and only afterwards thought the sight was like a scorching belch from a friendly dragon).

Through his field-glasses he could pick out soldiers wading through the choppy beach-water — and some of them never making it as far as the dry sands. It would be nice to be able to say that the frightened man's heart was full of larger and more patriotic emotions as he looked down on that Normandy shore 10 years ago.

But I have to confess that the relief he felt was purely selfish. And, hearing that Nazi tank coming over now, his first words to these D Day heroes were: "Come on, you fools hurry up!" It is just as well they were too far away to hear him...

Little Man

The best tribute I can pay to "INVASION," the illustrated memory of D Day and the victory it brought us, is that its pictures are so graphic and so authentic in atmosphere that they bring June 6, 1944, back into my room on this peaceful morning of June 1954 — and I am a frightened little man all over again.

But, this time, a very proud one, too.

I don't normally like reading books about the last war.

"Invasion" manages, however, to worm its way past my defences, because its pictures show so clearly what it was like on the Day — and the momentous weeks that followed.

If I had a son, and he asked me about the Normandy landings, I should give him this book and say: "Don't take too much notice of the words that go with them, son, for they are a bit high-flown. But look at the pictures."

"Look at the faces of the men, as they strap on their parachutes, as they climb aboard the landing craft, as they come up the beaches under fire."

"They look like ordinary people rather than heroes, don't they? And most of them look unhappy, uncomfortable or frightened."

"That's what they were. People dreaming of a warm bed, (Orders for "Invasion" may be placed with the South China Morning Post, Ltd.)

# EXIT THE MALE

By LES ARMOUR

SQUIRM, gentlemen. You won't win any more arguments with a woman. Just let a woman get hold of anthropologist Ashley Montagu's new book "The Natural Superiority of Women" (George Allen and Unwin, 15 shillings) — and she can take us on 20 at a time.

Maybe you've heard about Dr. Montagu's book. Maybe you think it's a lot of rot. But wait a minute. Come along to a typical English suburb — once happy under benevolent male rule.

Stop at a trim-looking house. Inside an argument is in progress — under the new rules. Listen:

Husband: "But, dear, you know you can't have a mink coat. I've figured it out. We'll be in the bankruptcy court."

Wife: "There you go again. Just acting superior. Dr. Montagu warns us that women have been dominated for almost a million years. He says it on page 27."

Husband: "Be reasonable. Add up the figures."

Wife: "Reason? Pish! That's just a sign of your inferiority. Dr. Montagu says on page 23: furnishings."

# SPRING RENE

MacCOLL lifts  
the SUNSHINE curtain

# I LEARN TO SAY 'MIMOSA' IN RUSSIAN

MOSCOW. In spring, Spring, the time of travel. So let's over to a railway station.

Above the windows of the ticket offices appear such far-off names as Tashkent and Alma Ata, Bokhara, and Novosibirsk.

For this is Moscow's Kazan railway station and about the only things it has in common with Paddington and Victoria are that trains leave it and you can get a beer at the buffet.

Imagine a very big, high-ceilinged hall densely packed with human beings. But they are not rushing for the 7.15 and they certainly are not wearing bowlers. They are sitting or lying around waiting — patiently waiting.

There seems to be no sense of urgency. You get the impression that some of these people have been here for days — and are prepared to wait another 24 hours without complaint if necessary.

Let's look at  
the street

NOW let's leave the waiting crowd in the Kazan station to take the road to Samarkand and have a look at the streets.

Ah — now the pavement cafes have started to appear. But oh — do you know what the Russians do? Instead of leaving the cafes open to the street they swathe them in great lengths of canvas to resemble a tent, so that they are (a) stiflingly hot, and (b) you cannot watch the passers-by, which for me is the chief fun of sitting in a cafe.

Women are working hard and filling in the potholes left by the winter frosts and resurfacing the roadways with blocks of stone.

The ice-cream sellers (women again) are doing well.

Speaking of doing well, a 43-year-old named Ivan Potapov greets the spring with a broad smile. He is the author of a "selling without salesmen" idea. It doesn't seem too novel to us, but to the Russian housewives it has come as a tremendous boon.

Until now you have had to elbow your way to the counter to look at the merchandise, then wait for the salesgirl to make out a slip, then queue at the cashier's window to pay, then queue again at the wrapping counter for your parcel. But Potapov has fixed it so that you make your selection from a number of items displayed in special showcases, take an already completed slip from a handy rack, pay, and pick up your parcel already wrapped.

About 800 items are available in this way from linens to razor blades, and Potapov is doing nicely, what with royalties on his book "Salesmanless Selling" and a bonus of half a month's salary each from his shop management, his trade union, and the Ministry of Trade.

Let's look at  
the crowds

THERE is a girl selling mimosa. Wonder what the Russian for mimosa is. Turns out to be mimosa. How MacColl wishes there were more words like that.

One of these days I suppose I shall have to take a deep

breath and try to write you an article about the prices here.

As things are, I find myself paying the equivalent of £1 18s. for a bar of chocolate, 4s. 6d. for a shoeshine (quite a few women shoeshiners in the streets by the way).

Moscow in the spring is getting pretty cosmopolitan — British, Argentine, Danish, and Japanese business men, Chinese and North Korean delegations, and the East German League of Anti-Fascists, and a group of Italian Communists.

But although the sight of an Uzbek, a Tajik, or a Kazak in regional costume causes no heads to turn in Moscow, a little crowd formed to stare delightedly at a group of Hindu women in gay saris.

The people grinned and whispered, and the Indians obligingly held out their pretty clothes for closer inspection.

Let's look at  
the models

I LOOKED in at a Moscow fashion show, the four o'clock one, for they hold them three times an afternoon — at two, four, and six. Anyone can walk in on payment of five roubles (about eight shillings), but at this performance the house wasn't full.

There were four rows of 18 linen-covered seats on each side of a raised runway. One side was empty and on the other sat a group of women who, it must be admitted, were sorely in need of fashion hints.

Just before the start a band of schoolgirls filed in and joined the women, a circumstance which was explained when it turned out that one of the four models was herself a teenager with two huge plaits of hair hanging down to the back of her knees.

She modelled schoolgirl fashions.

The other three models were a stylish stout the flapper, who while less portly was still on the plump side, and a very slender pale young woman, her jet-black hair brushed back, who showed the razzle-dazzle stuff which has won prizes at Prague and so forth.

The show was introduced by a pleasant-faced, middle-aged

woman who gave the number of the pattern (for you can't buy any of these dresses. You can only buy the pattern, for half a crown).

Models used a technique much more restrained than we are used to in the West.

They simply walked forward, turned, looked out over the audience, and then raised the right hand in a somewhat wooden gesture. None of that twisting and twirling and snaking around that the French models are wont to indulge in.

But this is Moscow in '54 and the aim is different. These dresses are for the many, not the few, and that is why there is a distinct touch of utility about most of them — a squareness of cut in the coats reminiscent of army greatcoats, a liking for primary colours, with emerald greens and electric blues predominating, rather than for subtle gradations of combinations of colour.

The flapper came out in a nifty little number which is to be worn on high school prize-giving day and the watching schoolgirls took some notes.

Next, the stylish stout in a mustard-coloured belted coat.

The slender girl came on in a series of silk dresses which I thought were the best thing in the show, simply cut in black or white.

We were shown only one evening dress in the collection, a black satin job worn once again by the stylish stout.

This it seemed to me was cut in a way which said "Yes this is for special occasions all right — but dignity is the aim not frivolity."

You seemed to imagine the wearer making a speech in it rather than dancing in it.

Let's look at  
my passports

I NOW have two passports — a my good old British workaday job signed by Mr Eden, and the Russian passport which all foreigners get here, signed by someone whose signature I can't quite make out.

This alien volume is immensely useful, I can assure you.

**Headache**  
Do not wait patiently for your suffering to end. Take 2 tablets of CAFASPIN dissolved in half a glass of water, and headache will soon vanish.

**CAFASPIN**

**South China Morning**  
HONG KONG & KOWLOON



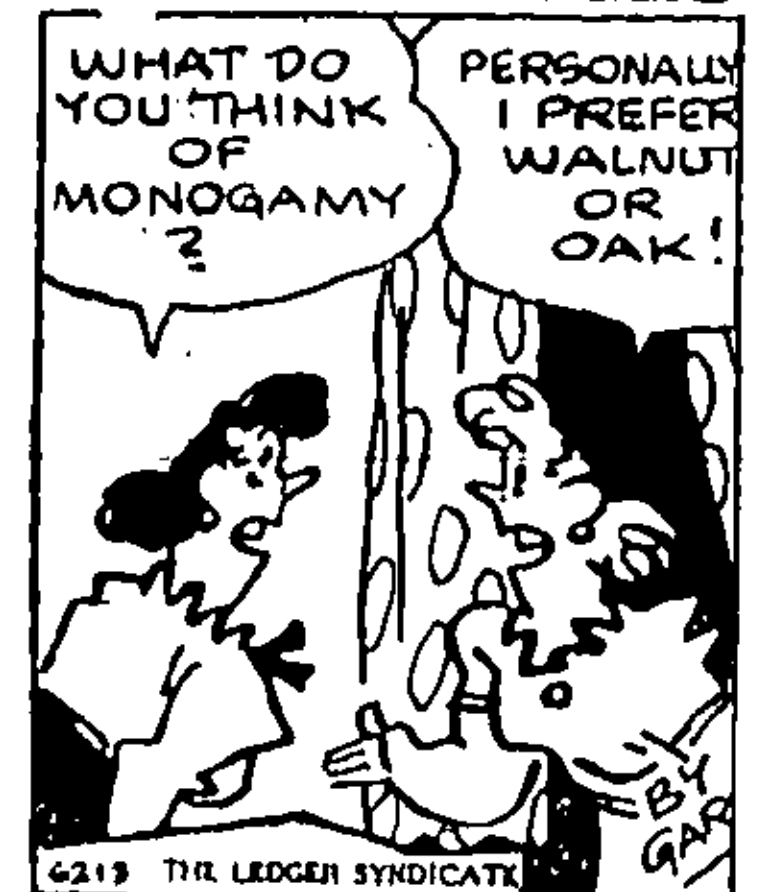
## • BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

IN every Government Department there are always a few thousand people who seem to have nothing to do. They go from room to room for a talk or an exchange of funny stories, and seem to have no rooms of their own. Perhaps they come out of the walls every morning, C. Suet, Esq., has been bothered lately with one of these nomads, who is known as a wag. This man makes great play with what he calls Suet's "fartive meetings with a alien," the alien being the exultant Slopconer girl. The other day this wag picked up a freightless invoice from Suet's desk, sniffed it, and shouted, "A scented billet-doux!" Suet's secretary, Thekla Bodith, stiffened as though a ripe tomato had struck her in the face. "Do you climb a drainpipe to her flower-festooned balcony, with your mandarin under your cloak?" asked the wag. Suet turned his head away superciliously.

**In passing**  
It would be difficult to think of a more ridiculous name

## DUMB BELLS



## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

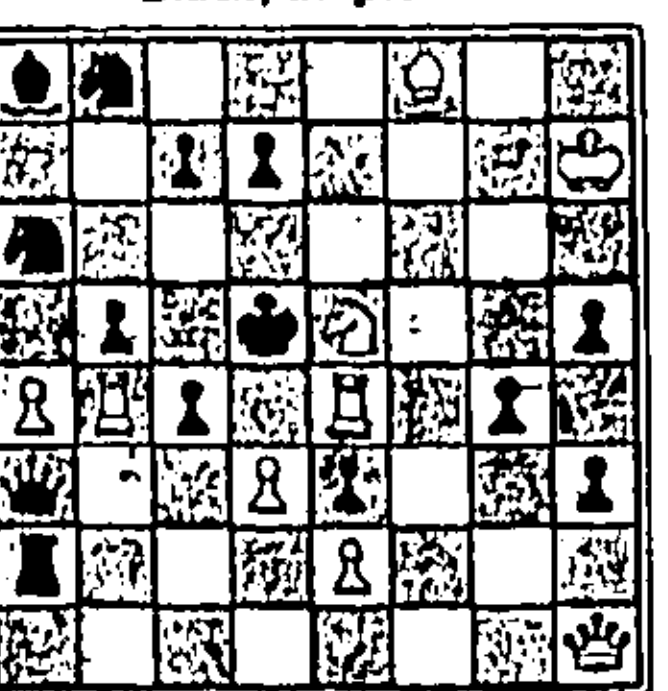
TUESDAY, JUNE 15

BORN today, you are fond of all the beautiful things of life. Art, literature and music are your major interests and you will be happy if you devote your life to one of the arts. You have a fine speaking voice—probably a good singing voice, as well. If trained, you might place you in the ranks of the professional singer. You have much nervous energy and a lot of tenacity once you have set your mind on something. You trouble is that sometimes you don't raise your ideas high enough and will utilize a lot of energy on something which is hardly worth the effort. Be a little more exacting in selecting your goals. You are exacting in what you get and want nothing but the best. You will go without sleep and accept something that is second-rate.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21)—Approaching a problem diplomatically rather than aggressively will be the best policy right now.  
**CANCER** (June 22-July 21)—If things seem to be piling up, laugh at your troubles. It could help drive them away.  
**LEO** (July 22-Aug. 21)—Sift the good from the bad. Both kinds of ideas come as inspiration. Learn to choose correctly.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 22-Sept. 21)—Tensions may be mounting, but keep steadily at the job in hand if you want to get where you are headed.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 22-Oct. 21)—June sunshine may tempt you to forget your duty, devoting your time to pleasure. Better not, today.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 22-Nov. 21)—Patient perseverance now can do a lot toward the eventual attainment of your ultimate goal in life.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Your emotions are near the surface today. Keep them well under control or you will really be sorry.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—There is a chance for romance

## CHESS PROBLEM

By M. MARYSKO  
Black, 14 pieces

White, 9 pieces.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. Kf-B2, any; 2. Kt (ch, or d1 ch) mates.

White to play; mate in three.



White to play; mate in three.

White to play; mate in three.

White to play; mate in three.

## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

### Timing Is Vital For Good Bridge

By OSWALD JACOBY

IT is often necessary to hold up even when you have two stoppers in the enemy's suit at no-trump. As a general rule, the right time to hold up is at the very first trick. In today's hand, however, more careful timing is necessary.

West opens the five of spades, and East plays the king. If South refuses this trick, as George Coffin points out, he will lose his contract. East shifts to a heart instead of continuing spades.

South must develop tricks in both minor suits in order to make his contract. The defenders get in once in diamonds to knock out declarer's second stopper in hearts, and they get in again with the king of clubs to run the hearts. They take two hearts and one trick in each of the other suits.

South must win the first trick with the ace of spades and must immediately knock out the ace of diamonds. If West continues with the spades, South refuses the second trick in that suit.

Now South is safe from harm. If the defenders continue with the spades, South can win

NORTH		11
♠ 62		
♥ K83		
♦ 10875		
♣ A Q 103		
WEST		EAST
♠ J9854		♠ K 107
♥ 9705		♥ Q J 10 4
♦ A2		♦ 883
♣ 72		♣ K85
SOUTH (D)		
♠ A Q 3		
♥ A2		
♦ K Q J 4		
♣ J984		
Both sides vul.		
South West North East		
1 N.T. Pass 2 N.T. Pass		
3 N.T. Pass Pass		
Opening lead—♠ 5		

and take the club finesse. East cannot lead another spade after taking the king of clubs, and the defenders can therefore take only one club, one diamond, and one spade.

If the defenders switch to hearts after being allowed to hold the second round of spades, they are too late to bring the hearts in. South can take the ace of hearts and knock out the king of clubs. He will then regain the lead with the king of hearts in time to run the rest of the tricks.

## CARD SENSES

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:

South West North East  
1 Diamond 1 Spade 2 Clubs Pass

You, South, hold: Spades 9-7, Hearts A-J-8, Diamonds A-K-8-3-2, Clubs K-5. What do you do?

A—Bid three clubs. You have substantially more than a minimum opening bid, and can therefore afford to get to the level of three. Your partner should be able to make a further move, which will clarify the best road towards game.

## TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 9-7, Hearts A-Q-J-5, Diamonds A-K-8-3-2, Clubs K-5. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

# WOMANSENSE

## Fashioned For Autumn



This smart cocktail dress from an Autumn Collection was on show in London recently. It is in heavy gold fabric, with front lacing which is designed to form flattering shawl collar and bow. It has a full circular skirt.—Express Photo.

## AN ANALYSIS OF THE 'AVERAGE' PEOPLE.

BY W. W. BAUER, M. D.

A FEW years ago the Cleveland Health Museum, in co-operation with one of the newspapers in that city, conducted a search for the average Cleveland man "Norman," and girl "Norma"—the names being a word play on "normal." They found neither, but they aroused a lot of interest in people, their bodies and minds, and their health.

"Average" is a term in common use, and almost everybody knows that an average is arrived at by adding a lot of figures and dividing by the number of units added. Of course, you cannot add up human "figures" and arrive at an average. And you need not accept the somewhat disillusioned reply of the Pullman porter when asked what was his average tip. "Well," he answered, "the average is about a dollar, but mighty few passengers come up to the average."

### ONE DAY'S ACTIVITIES

Since each of us is an individual unlike every other, there can be no average human being. Yet we are basically alike. Some observers with inquiring minds have compiled figures of various kinds relating to the human body. The Bulletin of the Middlesex County Medical Society called attention of its members to the fact that each of them, if he expects to stay alive, achieves on the average each day: 103,689 heartbeats, 23,400 breaths, inhalation of 438 cubic feet of air, consumption

of 3 1/2 pounds of food and 3 pounds of liquids, elimination of about the same amount of waste. The blood travels 168,000,000 miles; the body gives off 143 pints of perspiration and 2 1/2 pints of urine. We speak 4,800 words, turn in our sleep 25 to 35 times, move 750 major muscles. Our nails grow .000046 of an inch and our hair .0174414 of an inch a day. We exercise (we hope) 7,000,000 of "the little grey (brain) cells of Hercule Poirot."

So what? Department of useless information? Not quite. These unrelated facts, when woven into the pattern of daily living, are a clue to the tremendous complexity and the extraordinary co-ordination of the human body, upon which our health and efficiency, and our joy in living, depend. Fortunately most of these functions are largely if not wholly automatic, and so we tend to forget them—until they go wrong. And a knowledge of these normals can be of great help to the doctor, who bases his diagnosis and his treatment on his observations of these actions—and deviations from the normal.

Another amusing speculation about what man is made of has been published in various forms, beginning with the childish jingles about little boys and all things nice, and puppy dogs' tails, and ending with the chemical analysis of the human body. This comes down to about 65 percent

## NOW TIE UP YOUR NEW HAT!



STRING is used for some of the season's newest "boaters." It is inexpensive and one of the coolest of summer materials. This model in a multi-colored plaid design is trimmed with a plain ribbon bow.

(London Express Service.)

## Salads And Vegetable Dishes

By ALICE DENHOFF

HERE are some recipes designed to keep your family healthy and well-fed during the warm days when appetites often need brightening.

For a splendid vegetable potage, a fine luncheon or supper dish, melt 3 tbsp. fat over moderate heat in 9-in. frying pan. Add 1/2 c. finely diced onion, 1 c. diced celery; cook about 5 min. Add 1/2 lb. chopped beef separated into small portions. Stir frequently until meat is cooked.

Transfer to a 2-qt. saucepan; add 1 qt. water, 1 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. powdered marjoram, 1 c. thinly sliced carrots, 2 c. coarsely diced raw tomato and 1 bunch water cress. The stems cut in 1/4-in. lengths, reserving leaves. Bring to boil, then simmer, cover until vegetables are tender, about 20 min. Add coarsely cut water

cress leaves just before serving. Yield: 6 c. or 4 to 6 servings. Here's a recipe that uses just 1/2 lb. sausage to make a satisfying and nutritious main course for dinner and serves 4 to 6. Cut 1/2 lb. small link sausages diagonally in 1/4-in. pieces. Cook over moderate heat in 2-qt. saucepan for about 10 min.

Add 1/4 c. finely diced onion; cook 3 min. longer. Stir in 1 c. well-washed rice, 1 1/2 tsp. salt. Add 2 c. boiling water. Cover and cook over low heat until rice is tender, about 20 min. Remove cover. Stir in 1/2 c. finely diced green pepper. Let stand over low heat, uncovered, until excess moisture evaporates, then serve immediately.

For a seasonable, tasty and healthful salad for 4, combine 1 c. each shredded raw cabbage and shredded raw carrots, 1/4 c.

cole slaw dressing. Add 1/2 bunch coarsely cut water cress. To make the dressing, combine 1 c. mayonnaise, 1/3 c. vinegar, 1/2 tsp. sugar, 2 tsp. grated onion, 2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. celery salt and dash of white pepper. Mix thoroughly. Store in refrigerator until needed. Yields about 1-1/3 c.

For a refreshing salad, one made from apple and water cress, core and dice unpeeled red apples to make 2 c. Combine with 1/3 c. seedless raisins and 1/4 c. fruit salad dressing. Mix thoroughly. Add 1/2 bunch of water cress, coarsely cut; toss lightly. Use rest of water cress as garnish.

To prepare dressing, combine 1/4 c. mayonnaise, 3 tsp. lemon juice, 1 tsp. sugar, 1/2 tsp. celery salt and dash of white pepper. Mix well. Store in refrigerator until needed. Makes about 1 c.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Bad Weather for Mr. Snow-Man

—Christopher Helped Him Find a Cool Place—

By MAX TRELL

"YOU know," Christopher Cricket was saying to Knarf and Handl, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "I always seem to be having strange adventures. Well, I had an adventure last night."

"Was it a strange one?" Knarf asked.

### Somewhat Strange

"In a way it was," said Christopher. "And in another way, it wasn't."

Knarf and Handl now wanted to know all about Christopher Cricket's adventure that was strange and yet not strange.

So, after Christopher Cricket made himself comfortable on the edge of the fireplace, he began as follows:

"As you know, it was quite cold last night. And yet, there was something about the smell of the air that made you feel that winter was ending and warmer weather was on its way. But there was still snow on the ground. I looked out of the cellar window and in the moonlight, I could see Mr. Snow-man standing at the edge of the driveway where the children had first put him around Christmas time."

"By the light of the moon," Christopher went on, "the Snow-man looked quite cheerful. There he stood with his big hat and his cane and his corn-cob pipe. But suddenly, as I looked, I fancied I saw him reach back into his coat pocket

take out a red bandana handkerchief and mop his forehead."

"My goodness!" Handl exclaimed. "Was he warm?"

### Hard to Be Sure

"That's exactly how it looked," said Christopher. "But, of course, I couldn't be absolutely sure I had seen all this happen. Things aren't always what they seem to be when you see them in the moonlight."

"Nevertheless," said Christopher, "I crept out of the house and went down to the edge of the driveway. And now, as I came close to Mr. Snow-man, I saw that he really was wiping the perspiration from his forehead."

### Rupert and Billy Goat—11



"Now Billy Goat is keen to start again. 'Why shouldn't we start some rock climbing?'" says Rupert. "Look, that hill ends in some lovely cliffs. Let's go there." Billy thinks it's a fine idea, and as they walk bravely Rupert tells him of the red men from Nunavut.

## Household Hints

Use white vinegar to remove mildew spots.

For a high polish on furniture, rub with equal parts of lemon oil and turpentine. Wipe off excess oil and shine with a dry woollen cloth.

When adding honey to cake or cookie batter, combine it with the shortening or lard. Be sure to scrape all of it from the measuring cup and mix it thoroughly with the other ingredients.

Petroleum jelly or Vaseline will remove lipstick or rouge stains from linens. Work the jelly into the stain section, sponge with carbon tetrachloride, and wash.

To keep household sponges fresh, soak them in cold water.

"Hurry, Christopher," he kept saying. And then suddenly, he said: "I can't wait any longer."

Christopher Cricket paused in his story. "And what happened?" Knarf and Handl demanded.

"The Snow-man ran away," said Christopher. "He ran away like a little trickle of water. He ran away as snow runs away when it melts. He just went."

"And yet," Christopher said, "it really was strange. After all, the winter was ending. What is so strange about a snow-man going away before the warm weather comes?"

"I hope he got up to the top of that high mountain," Handl said. "You sure he did," said Christopher. "After all, sure, sure, there's nothing like a snow-man melting away with the warm weather."

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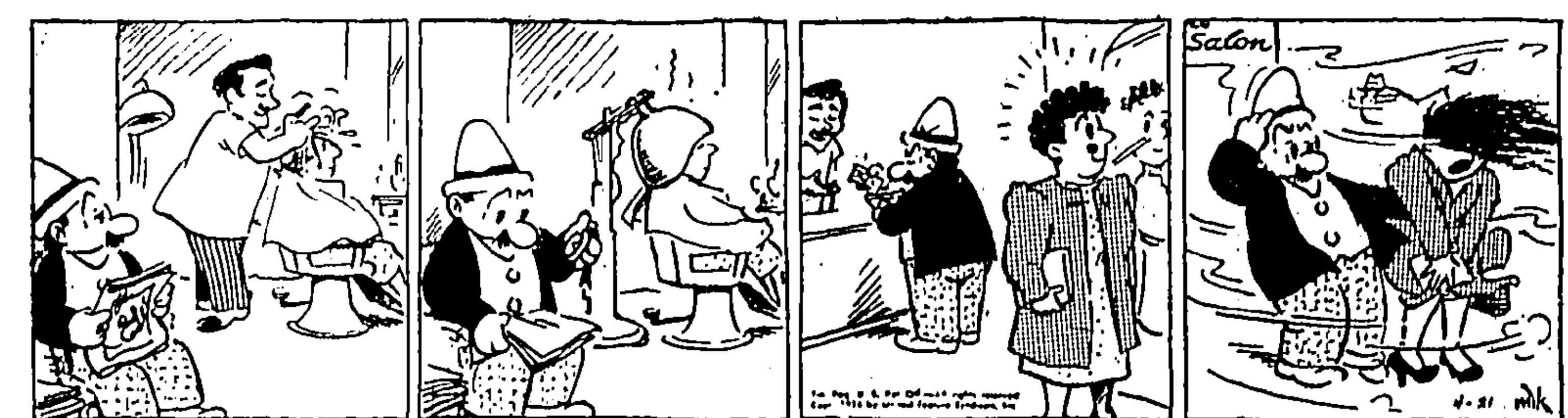
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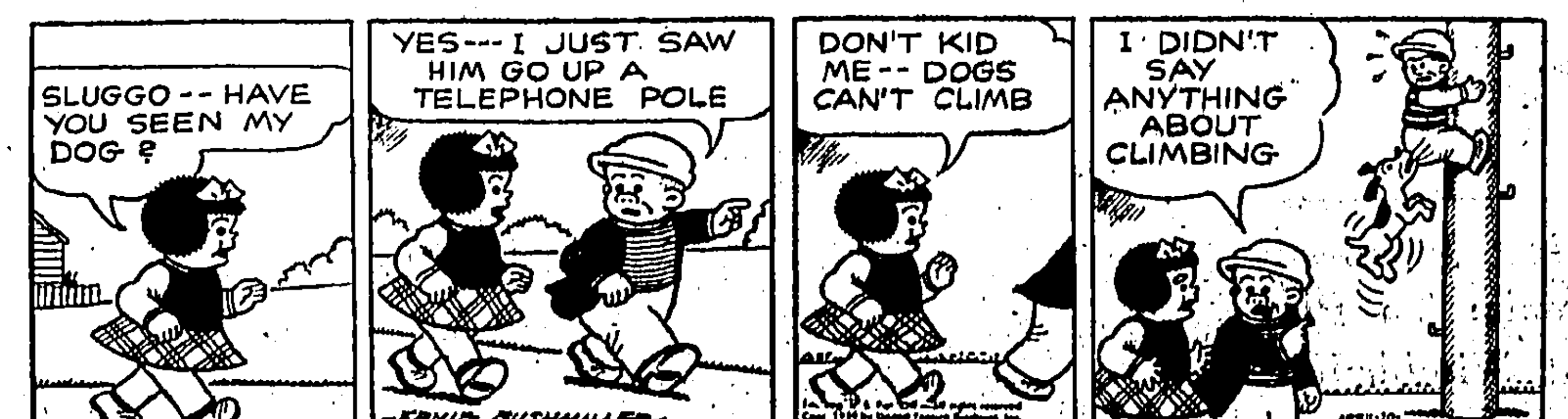
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## China's Draft Constitution

Paris, June 14. The Chinese Communist Central People's Government Council today unanimously adopted the draft constitution of the People's Republic of China drawn up by a special committee, the New China news agency reported here today.

The Council also decided to publish the draft throughout China and to call on local governments at all levels to organize public discussion of the draft and invite suggestions.

# Is There A Communist Timetable For World Domination?

By Tom Whitney, Associated Press Foreign Staff Writer

Most experts on Soviet affairs inside and outside the U.S. government think that while the leadership of the world Communist movement continues to work for world domination, it does not set any definite date by which this has to happen.

In conflict with this is a document inserted in the Congressional Record by Senator William F. Knowland, (R-Calif) a man known for his interest in affairs in Asia and the Pacific.

This document, entitled "An Outline of Mao Tse-tung's Memorandum on a New Programme for World Revolution" allows until 1973 for completion of world revolution. It supposedly was delivered by Chinese Communist Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai, when he went to the Soviet capital to attend Stalin's funeral.

Pravda, official Communist party newspaper, called the document a "crude and absurd forgery."

Senator Knowland did not reveal the source through which he obtained this presumably top-secret material. He described it simply as "some information which has come to me, which I believe substantially states the Communist policy on world revolution. In any event the Senate may find this matter of interest."

Over-all the document presents what might be described as an "Asia-first" policy for the Communists.

It says, "It appears that time has come when we have to look upon Asia as our immediate goal."

## "Abundant Harvest"

"Vigorous action in Europe," it declares, "is now impossible." In Asia, it claims, tactics of revolution, infiltration and in-

filtration will "yield an abundant harvest."

World war, the outline says, must be "temporarily avoided"—until "we are certain of victory." The reasons given for this are higher rates of production and larger stockpiles of atomic weapons on the part of the capitalist countries.

The entire programme is one for isolating the United States. Britain is to be placated by being convinced East-West issues can be settled peacefully and by bait in the form of Red trade.

France is to be neutralized by arming fear of Germany, and also by dragging out the Indo-China War till the French withdraw through "the (accidental) device of an armistice." The Indo-China War, says the document, is then to be completed with victory by 1955.

## Like Ripe Fruit

Once Indo-China has been lost to Communism then the rest of Southeast Asia will fall. Burma "will fall by line." The "reactionary ruling clique" in Thailand will capitulate. Indonesia will fall into Communist hands "like a ripe fruit." The British in Malaya will be encir-

led. The domination of Southeast Asia will be complete "in or before 1960."

By 1960 China's might will be so great, claims the document, that a mere show of force will force capitulation of Japan. But this, it says, might lead to war with the United States and therefore preparations for war by China and Russia must be completed before 1960.

In India, declares the outline, only peaceful methods can be used, but once India has come over then "the problems of the Philippines and the Arabic countries" can be solved by diplomatic and political means. All this, says the outline, can be done by 1965.

In Africa, the document says, a wave of revolution by 1965 or even earlier will sweep "the imperialists and colonialists into the sea."

This will bring "total economic collapse in Western Europe."

## Is It Genuine?

In the United States then "crushing economic collapse and industrial breakdown will follow." The same thing will happen to Canada and South America.

Twenty years from now, the document concludes, world revolution will be an accomplished fact.

If the document made public by Senator Knowland should turn out to be genuine, then Western foreign offices would have to make some drastic revision of tactics used in dealing with Communism.

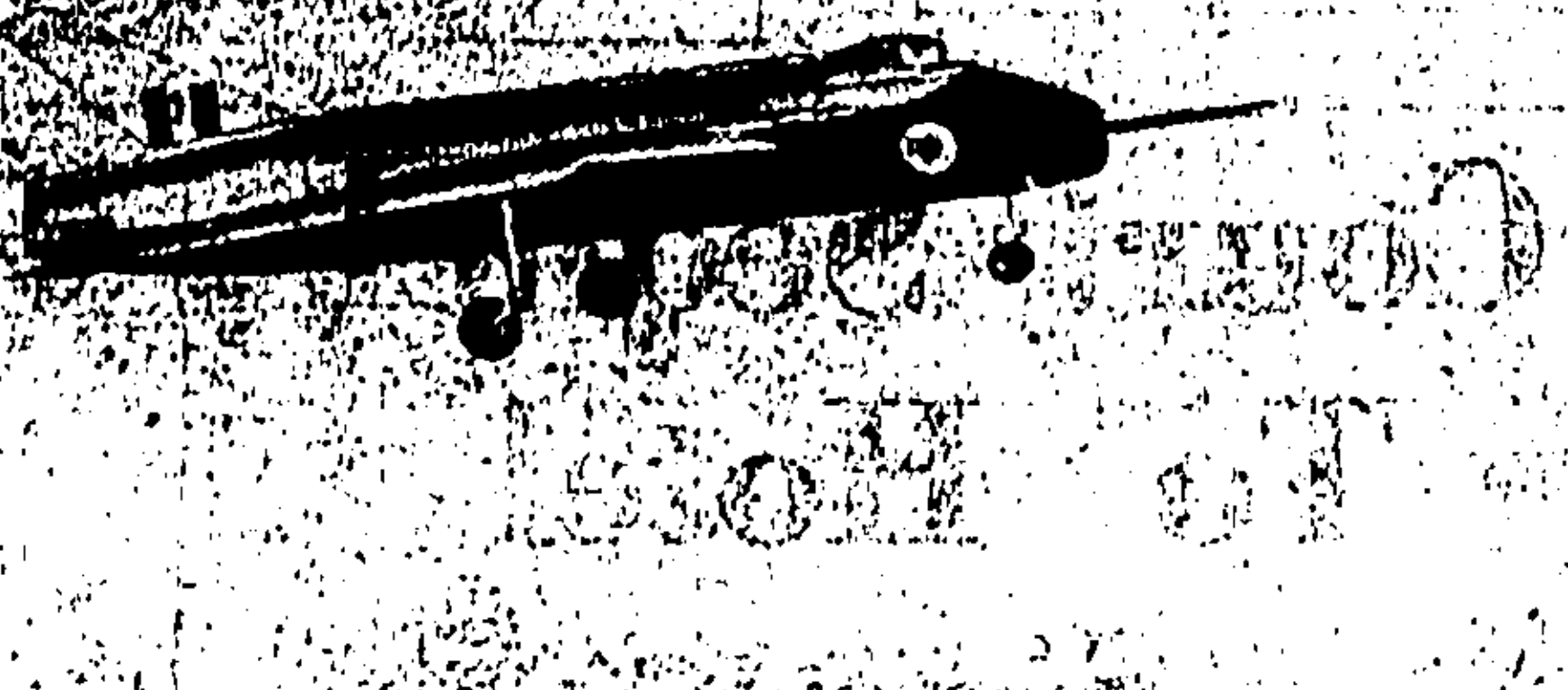
The assumption they have been going on has been that the plans of the Kremlin and Peking are elastic and allow for the possibility of setbacks and tactical retreats, and that therefore negotiation with the Communists can sometimes, as in the case of the Korean armistice, succeed.

There is no doubt at all that the outline sets forth many policies already recognized as part and parcel of the Communist war on the West: isolation of the United States, neutralization of France, domination of Southeast Asia.

It seems much more dubious, however, that the Communist leadership yet feels able to set a date when Communism will rule the world.

Mr. Whitney, now in America, served as Associated Press foreign correspondent in Moscow for six years and before that was an economics analyst for the U.S. State Department in Moscow.





This is a new picture of the experimental Short SB-5 which was developed by the manufacturers for research into the swept-wing configuration for new lighter aircraft.—Short Bros Photo.

### The Latest Round-Up of Aviation News From Britain

## The World's Airlines Buy British Turbo-props And Jets

This week's round-up of aviation news from Britain tells you of the big part being played by British turbo-props and jets in the new pattern of world air transport. More than 20 airline operators in different parts of the world have ordered turbine-powered planes—either Viscounts, Britannias or Comets. Another interesting item in this week's round-up tells you why aircraft manufacturing companies now want certain aircraft parts to be made as HEAVY as possible! The round-up, a weekly China Mail feature, comes to you by airmail from the London headquarters of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors Ltd. It is compiled by a team of experts in close touch with the Aviation Industry and is written in such a way as to make each item easily digestible by the layman as well as the professional man.

The latest orders for the Vickers Viscount turbo-prop aircraft bring the number of overseas operators who have ordered British turbine-powered transports to more than twenty.

Twelve overseas operators have ordered Viscounts, nine foreign airlines have Comets on order, and the Britannia, which has not yet gone into service, is already on order for Qantas, and more orders are expected for the future.

Altogether some 200 British jet and turbo-prop-powered transports have now been ordered (including those already built) and over 100 of them are for export. The value of these export orders is about £33½ million without spares.

In addition, the Britannia is being built by Canada under licence for military use in a contract reported to be valued at £60 million altogether.

### Turbine Network

These operators of British turbine-powered transport fly routes which extend right across the free world. Apart from the British airlines, with BOAC operating across the Continent, and the Britannia, which flies to the Americas, and BEA flying to Europe, there are plans for a network of turbine routes in every continent.

In Europe there is Air France, Union Aérienne, de Transports, Aer Lingus and Fred Olsen of Norway. In Africa, Central African Airways, in the Middle East, Mitrail and Iraqi Air Lines; then Air India, Qantas, Trans Australian Airlines and Japan Air Lines. Finally, in the Americas are Pan American, Capital, Trans-Canada Air Lines, Canadian Pacific Airlines, British West Indian Airlines, L. A. V. in Venezuela and Panair do Brasil.

Two overseas Governments have also ordered British turbine-powered airlines for general transport and V.I.P. work—the United States Government and the Canadian Government. One British Independent operator—Hunting—will also probably be using Viscounts on overseas routes.

### No Difficulties

Britain's Viscount turbo-prop aircraft are not likely to run into any particular difficulties over obtaining their certificates of airworthiness which will permit them to operate in the United States.

This view was expressed by Mr. F. B. Lee, the United States Civil Aeronautics Administrator at a press conference held in Washington recently.

Little surprise on this side of the Atlantic.

"For over a year now the Viscount has been in regular service throughout the continent of Europe not only with the British European Airways who introduced it in April, 1953 but also with Air France and Aer Lingus—the Irish airline.

"In that time it has come to be regarded as one of the most reliable aircraft ever used on passenger services with an unsurpassed standard of comfort. About 180,000 passengers have already been carried in Viscounts by British European Airways alone."

In aircraft construction, where the emphasis is always on lightness, it is somewhat surprising to find that increased use is being made of small quantities of a metal which is specifically intended to be as heavy as possible.

This is a case, however, where a heavy metal can, paradoxically, achieve lightness in the long run because it enables designers to concentrate weight in a small space; if a lighter material were used, it might in turn call for a larger structure—and hence more weight.

A special Heavy Alloy for aircraft is in fact in production by the General Electric Company. Its most common use is for mass-balances for control surfaces—ailerons, and elevators. Now it is being used for other small but important parts of aircraft too—wheel brakes, instruments, and even aircraft caskets.

These items use small machined parts of Heavy Alloy. For the future, G.E.C. have under development a high-density alloy which will be manufactured in sheet form—though the size of sheet available will be very limited.

The manufacturing process required to produce Heavy Alloy is a curious one. Its main constituent is tungsten in powder form. This is mixed with nickel and other powders. The powdered mixture is placed in a die and compressed to shape. It is put in an electric furnace, in a hydrogen atmosphere, at a white-heat temperature of about 1450 deg. C. While in the furnace, it shrinks by about one-fifth.

The alloy can then be given any of the usual plate finishes. Heavy Alloy is used for the "heart" of the Maxaret wheel-brake—an ingenious new brake fitted to the latest aircraft which pulls an aircraft up very quickly and yet cannot skid. Heavy Alloy is used for the fly-wheel of the brake, and for this job is machined to a tolerance of three-thousandths of an inch. It is also a vital part of one of the newest gyro-horizons and other important aircraft instruments.

A French aero-engine company, Hispano Suiza, has just built its thousandth British jet engine under licence—Rolls-Royce Comets.

The new powers three important French aircraft—the

Mistral (a French version of the British Vampire built under licence) the Ouragan and the early prototype Mystere.

Hispano Suiza have also developed the Rolls-Royce Tay under licence. The French version, named the Verdon after a French river, now gives 7,000 lb. thrust. The first French aircraft to exceed the speed of sound was powered by a Tay. The Verdon now powers several prototype French aircraft and some marks of Mystere.

For the future, Hispano Suiza is now tooling up to make the Rolls-Royce Avon under licence. This will power the latest and faster French-designed single seat fighter the Mystere 4B.

France is one of five different countries building Rolls-Royce jet engines under licence. Altogether some nine countries are making British engines under licence. Fourteen different British engines are licensed for production overseas and, except for two, these are all jets or turbo-props.

Export sales during the last year of a United Kingdom firm specialising in air-sea rescue equipment was about two-thirds of total production. This was announced at the annual general meeting of the R. F. D. Company in London recently.

In his statement the Chairman, Mr. N. J. Hulbert said that this export achievement was an appreciable increase on the previous year. Products sold abroad included air-sea rescue dinghies, life-jackets, gunnery training balloons, targets, etc. He added that preliminary trials were successfully carried out with a unique type of equipment designed for firefighting in docks and harbours.

More than 400 cowling fasteners for use in Australian built aircraft will be sent overseas shortly by a Scottish firm. The actual value of this order is not great but it is an example of the enterprise of a firm which in the last few years has built up a world-wide connection in the manufacture of small components for aircraft.

Over 30 Items

Their range includes over 30 proprietary items developed by the firm's designers—flexible pipe couplings, oil and petrol filters, cowling type fasteners, valves, etc.

There is only one aircraft now building in Britain where the firm's components are not standard—at least 48 types are covered. At the Farnborough Air Show in England last year, their machine flying, carried their parts as standard. In addition, the components are standard on at least 10 types of American-built aircraft, though these components are manufactured under licence from the Scottish firm.

Four French aircraft builders use the firm's components as standard, as do firms in Sweden, Holland and Switzerland. Supplies have also been sent to many other countries, including Egypt and Pakistan. Such is the demand that this factory—the only one of its type in Scotland—is just completing the doubling of its factory space.

## A Bullish Week But For The Stock Market Slump

New York, June 13, The sharpest stock market slump in nearly four years—one which sliced about \$3,000,000,000 from market values last Tuesday—marred an otherwise bullish week in the United States.

Almost three-quarters of all issues traded lost ground for the day in what market experts described as a "technical correction" after almost nine months of rising prices.

The price break was not altogether unexpected, although the size of the correction created some mild surprise.

Other markets continued to show relative strength in the face of the stock sell-off, all of which, experts said, reflected an underlying market confidence. The volume for the day was less than one-quarter of one per cent of the shares listed, which, to some observers, proved that the traditional "big" investors aren't being stampeded into selling their holdings.

On the bullish side this week were a number of favourable developments. President Eisenhower's chief economic adviser, Mr. Arthur F. Burns, although cautioning against over-optimism, felt there were sufficient indications pointing to "an early upturn in business activity."

Elsewhere this week, in brief: Personal income, running at a boom rate of about \$282 billion, is expected to hold at slightly lower levels; meanwhile, consumers show no disposition to cut down on their seasonal habits.

US oil interests are preparing to ask Congress for a reduction in imports of foreign oil from the present rate of about 1,000,000 barrels to about 800,000 barrels. By use of flexible tariffs, the Independent Petroleum Association of

America, representing about 1/3 of the US petroleum products, hopes to reduce oil imports. Voluntary reductions on the part of the companies have failed to bring the supply picture into adjustment. It was claimed. Meanwhile, the Association said that petroleum demand, domestic and export, for the calendar year, 1954, was now estimated to average 8,236,000 barrels a day, a 2.5 per cent increase over the actual demand in 1953.

CAR STOCKS GROWING

The auto industry continued to pour new cars into dealers' stocks, now at a record level of 678,000 units, or 68 per cent above the comparable 1953 level. There have been some production cutbacks but many look for further price cuts to help move the 1954 models before the new 1955 models hit the market in the fall.

Estimates placed the expected carry-over of US wheat at the start of the new crop year, July 1 at a record 875 million bushels. This would be sufficient for expected US exports and domestic needs next year even if not a single bushel were grown, according to the Wall Street Journal. The US has not been able to sell more than half of its export quota US wheat to buy their quotas. Some have failed to buy a single bushel. These include, Austria, Denmark, Italy, Jordan and Sweden.

There were indications this week that the long-awaited inventory adjustment might be making substantial progress. The Commerce Department said that during April businessmen slashed their inventories by just under \$700 million. This decline exceeded a normal seasonal drop by almost \$500 million. Already there are some reports that businessmen are increasing their order placements in some lines, after months of "as-needed" buying.

The steel production boost of almost three points this week was understood to reflect in part improved business conditions generally along with a whitened-down inventory situation. According to Iron Age magazine, demand is stronger for oil goods, structural, sheet, plate, and galvanised steel. Not so strong but improving for standard pipe and wire products.

Business spending for new plant and equipment continued to operate as a strong bulwark for business activity generally. Such expenditures for 1954 will total less than 4-1/2 per cent under last year's levels, according to Government estimates.—United Press.

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## Mr Nehru's Gift Of Gold

New Delhi, June 14. The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, has given a pillar of solid gold studded with diamonds as a contribution towards paying off the National Debt.

The pillar, replica of the national emblem, was presented to him five years ago by the citizens of Bombay.

Mr. Nehru said he did so because he has no family jewellery of his own to offer.—China Mail Special.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$400,442.40. Noon quotations and the morning's dealings:—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HSBC Bank	1020	2	1025
Union	377 1/2	943	50 1/2
Underwriters	640	655	50
SITIPING	10 1/2	10 3/4	
Waterboat	1 1/2	1 1/2	
Asia Nvy	1 1/2	1 1/2	
DOCKERS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	62 1/2		
Provident			
COOL	11 7/8	12 1/8	1000 1/2
Shui Dock	12 1/2	12 1/2	
Wheelock			
LAND, ETC.			
HSBC Hotel	0 1/2	0 1/2	1000 1/2
HSBC Land	51	52	200 1/2
Shui Land	1 1/2	1 1/2	
Hampshire	17 1/2	17 1/2	
UTILITIES			
Tram	24 7/8	25 1/8	1000 1/2
Star Ferry	110	110	200 1/2
C. Light (O)	14 1/2	14 3/4	500 1/2
Electric	22 1/2	22 1/2	500 1/2
Light (N)	11 1/2	11 1/2	500 1/2
TELEPHONE	24 1/2	24 1/2	500 1/2
INDUSTRIALS	17 1/2	17 1/2	500 1/2
Stores, ETC.			
Dairy	23 1/2	23 1/2	500 1/2
Woolen	15 1/2	15 1/2	500 1/2
COTTONS	15 1/2	15 1/2	500 1/2
Textiles	15 1/2	15 1/2	500 1/2
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yongze	1 1/2	1 1/2	500 1/2
Yuanmou	1 1/2	1 1/2	500 1/2
Allied	3 1/2	3 1/2	1000 1/2

## LONDON WOOL TOPS

London, June 14. Wool tops futures market closed steady with a turnover of 43 lots.

Closing prices were:

Month	Price
July	154 1/2
Sept.	154 1/2
Nov.	154 1/2
Dec.	154 1/2
Jan.	154 1/2
Feb.	154 1/2
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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Post-Election  
And Winter  
Doldrums

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, June 15.

Post-election and winter doldrums are upon us and all is quiet on most fronts.

They are still counting a number of doubtful seats in the elections a fortnight ago but they do not make any great difference to the result — the Liberals are in by a slender majority and Prime Minister Bob Menzies is off to New Zealand for a fishing holiday after which he will have talks with the NZ Prime Minister.

The Petrov Spy Royal Commission opens its doors again for business today, but generally speaking, all we have had to put up with over the last week have been bitterly cold westerly winds that have made living tough.

There has been, of course, the annual Sheep Show, with half a million pounds worth of walking gold mines on show. The 2,000 sheep brought from all parts of the Commonwealth were given more attention than most babies and many of them were later sold for hundreds of guineas.

Once—and not so long ago—the Sheep Show interested one people from the land, but with wool in the world's news today and worth around 200d a lb, thousands of city people today go to the showground. Attendance this year was a record, and there are all the pointers that within another few years it will assume an importance in keeping with Sydney Royal Show—only on a smaller scale, of course.

FOR THE CUSTOMERS

Over the last few years—since our famous Royal Commission on liquor, in fact—many Sydney hotels have pulled up their socks and tried to give the cash customers a little something different.

One attempt was to bring back that fine old pre-war service of counter lunch, but the hotel keepers' organisation—the ULVA—and the breweries—the only frowned on this, but said straight out that it wasn't to be done, so that had to go.

For the last month or so many city hotels have been showing 16 mm films in the lounge, and all that have tried it out have reported "roaring trade".

But apparently this is not the thing to give the troops either, and now the motion picture industry is moving heaven and earth to have it stopped.

The brewers and the Government have been approached. At the moment the ULVA is non-committal, and there is nothing in the Liquor Act which prevents the showing of these films. There have been dark hints, however, that it is only a matter of time before the Act is amended.

As the present Government has done little to brighten up our drinking, many hotel keepers fear that the dark hints will become realities.

Meanwhile, they are continuing to show pictures—but are now finding it increasingly difficult to secure suitable films—which leads them to the unpleasant belief that they are being got at from another direction.

AUSTRALIA ACCEPTS

Australia will accept the invitation of the Hongkong Soccer Football Association to tour Hongkong in December.

The lucky representatives are going to have a magnificent trip as a result of the invitation issued by Hongkong.

The touring team will also play a few matches against the Philippines at Manila on the way over, and officials are also trying to arrange a match against Indonesia either at Djakarta or Singapore.

The tour will last about five weeks.

LIQUOR REPORT

Getting back to the liquor question again for a moment... It has now been announced that the Minister of Justice, Mr. Downing, will place a special report on liquor before the NSW Cabinet later this month.

For the last few weeks the Minister has been seeking deputations from all sorts of organisations on this question, and all this will go into his report.

Oh Well, That's  
Something!

Ames, Iowa, June 14. A centennial observance of economic entomology in the United States began here today with the prediction that insects will never rule the world.

There has been scientific talk lately that insects will eventually rule the world because there are so many of them, their numbers are not being reduced and they are so adaptable, officials said.

But Dr. H. M. Harris, State entomologist, said that even though insects were quick to adapt themselves humans had a "distinct advantage: reasoning power."—United Press.

Discussions  
On Detained  
Americans

Geneva, June 15.

United States and Chinese representatives are to meet here today for their third conference on the problem of Americans imprisoned in China and Chinese students allegedly detained in the United States.

The Chinese will reply to an American list of "imprisoned or detained Americans" in China, handed in at the last meeting on June 10. There are 93 American civilians in China, of whom 32 are in prison, three presumed under arrest and 19 unable to obtain exit permits.

A total of 29 American military personnel are also under arrest — 18 from the United States Air Force and 11 from the Navy and Coast Guard.

The Chinese delegation here alleges that the United States has "detained" about 5,000 Chinese citizens, mainly students in America, but the United States authorities deny this.

The meeting will be held at the Palace of Nations and the chief delegates are expected to be Mr. Wang Ping-nan, Secretary-General of the Chinese delegation to the Asiatic conference, and Mr. U. Alexis Johnson, American Ambassador to Czechoslovakia and a member of the American delegation to the Korea and Indo-China peace talks.—Reuter.

Harold Wilson  
In Moscow

Moscow, June 15.

Mr. Harold Wilson, former Socialist President of the British Board of Trade, arrived by air last night for a two-week visit to discuss general questions of East-West trade, including timber.

Mr. Wilson, now economic consultant to a British timber firm, flew to Moscow from Leningrad, where he has spent two days sightseeing.

"My visit is purely on business—trade in timber and other things—and I'll be looking around," he said. He expected to have talks with the Russian Chamber of Commerce and Foreign Trade Ministry.

Mr. Wilson met Mr. Mikoyan, Minister of Trade, and Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, Foreign Minister, in Moscow a year ago. He also discussed East-West trade with the Chinese Prime Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, in Geneva a fortnight ago.—Reuter.

GENEVA TALKS  
DEADLINE

(Continued from Page 1)

concession was not a concession at all.

Western spokesmen said tonight the effect of the Soviet proposals would be to allow any of the Communist nations to plead that any dispute fell under the heading of a question of "hostilities." It would then be subject to a Communist veto in the commission.—Reuter.

Shoots Himself

Guatemala City, June 14.

Guatemalan police reported today that a Senator Alfredo Abalarch Sabag shot himself in the presence of the police after the discovery of a "big quantity" of smuggled arms and ammunition in his home and shop last Saturday.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Don't let my husband frighten you—he's sure to wake up with a jump when the soprano starts hitting high notes!"

Italy And Ethiopia  
Urged To End  
Their Dispute

United Nations, June 14.

India today urged Italy and Ethiopia to end the dispute over the Ethiopia-Somaliland border so that Somaliland can become independent by 1960 as pledged by the United Nations.

The Indian delegate, Rajeshwar Dayal, addressing the Trusteeship Council, called for peaceful negotiations between Ethiopia and Italy on the border problem.

"We have been unable to understand why it is necessary to maintain a force of 7,000 police and military for a territory (Somaliland) with a population of only 1,250,000," he said. "We were somewhat surprised to learn that the reason for maintaining a force of this size was because of the unsettled question of a boundary with Ethiopia."

"Now Ethiopia is a loyal member of the United Nations and Somaliland is a United Nations trust territory. Surely it is not suggested that for the protection of a trust territory in regard to an unresolved situation with a member State, considerably military forces should be maintained."

SHARES CONCERN

Mr. Dayal noted that the General Assembly last year recommended that Italy and Ethiopia intensify efforts to achieve a friendly solution before the date set for Somaliland's independence, December 2, 1960.

"My delegation shares the concern expressed by other members of this Council in regard to the continuance of this problem," he added.

The Indian representative conceded that some progress toward preparing the Somalis for independence had been achieved during the last year but that "the final picture must be regarded as disappointing."

"In the political and administrative fields—and especially in the latter—progress has been halting, slow and over-cautious," said Mr. Dayal. "In the economic field, the degree of progress is likewise not very encouraging. We would like to see more determined policies, more vigorously pursued."

"In the social and educational fields, likewise, progress has been impeded by too great a consciousness of difficulties and obstacles and too little imagination and a sense of determination and purposiveness."—United Press.

CONCERT PIANO  
FOR TRUMAN

Milwaukee, June 14.

Former President Harry Truman will fly here tomorrow to accept a concert grand piano from the president of the American Musicians Union, James Petrillo. Mr. Petrillo, who plays the trumpet, said the piano was being presented to Mr. Truman for his memorial library. The Union is in convention here.—United Press.

Backward Progress

New Delhi, June 14.

A letter to the editor of the Statesman pointed out today that 75 years ago it took 30 hours for a rail journey from Calcutta to Darjeeling.

The writer said that in 1954, if one were lucky, it took two and one-half hours longer than it did in 1879.

Court Sequel  
To Hotel  
Siege

24 MEN BOUND OVER  
IN PERSONAL BONDS

Twenty-four men, arrested last night in the Carnarvon Hotel, were arraigned before Mr. T. Creedon at Kowloon this morning and put on personal bonds under the Public Ordinance.

None of the defendants objected to the measures imposed by the Court.

Defendants, Ng Chung, 25, Ng Ka-wo, 38, Fung Sheung, 39, Fung Ying-yiu, 32, Chou Kam-chan, 43, Ho Yam-sung, 40, Leung Kam, 28, Leung Kuen, 28, Leung Yu-fat, 28, Cheng Sheung, 21, Leung Ho-wan, 31, Fung Mo-yun, 26, Leung Yuen, 33, Kong Tong, 38, Wong Hung, 31, Li Kul-hung, 27, Ng Choi, 31, Wu Yu-chiu, 20, Cheung Chuen, 27, Lo Wai, 35, and Cheng Yick-fung, 29, were bound over in \$300 for two years; two others, Kan Lin-man, 21, and Leung Hang, 30, who each had a previous conviction, were bound over in \$750 for two years.

The leader of the group, Mo King-long, 25, was bound over in \$1,000 for two years.

Trieste  
Discussions  
At Crucial  
Stage

London, June 15.

The talks on the future of Trieste have entered a crucial stage and British, American and Italian officials drew a tight veil of secrecy around them today in the hope of promoting agreement by autumn.

Informed sources believed that the Italian Ambassador, Giulio Brogioni, would reject secret suggestions for a settlement put forward by Britain and the US after long talks with Yugoslavia. But he was also expected to make counter-proposals based on them.

Western officials said it was Italy's turn to talk. Signor Brogioni flew back from Rome last week with the Italian counter-proposals. Officials said secrecy was the only chance of getting a settlement. They predicted it would still be "some weeks" yet before any agreement could be expected.

The slow, patient negotiations will go on in the capitals concerned.

The main exchanges are here officials said. The US and Britain have tried to create the best possible atmosphere by persuading Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey to delay the signing of their military alliance for a while longer.

Tornadoes  
Threat

Chicago, June 14.

Tornadoes threatened large portions of the Great Plains and Middle West as the worst heat wave of the season broke records today for the second day in a row.

Some sections were raked by heavy thunder and hailstorms as a muggy blanket of warm Gulf air hung over the entire section east of the Rockies.

Glen Falls, New York, was hit by 45-cent-hour gusts and half-inch hailstones.

A four-month-old baby died of the heat at Niagara Falls, New York, after being left for an hour in a sun-drenched car while her parents looked at the falls. The temperature in the car was estimated at 130 degrees.

The temperature in Chicago broke records for the second day in a week, hitting 94.5 degrees for the hottest June 14 in the books. It was the city's fourth day of above-90 temperatures.—United Press.

RUSSIA SENDS  
INVITATION

Tokyo, June 15.

The Japanese Foreign Office said today the Japanese Government yesterday received an invitation from the Soviet Government through the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East to send a mission to inspect agricultural conditions in the Soviet Union.

The invitation said the mission could comprise two to five members and could travel to the Soviet Union in September or October this year.

Similar invitations have been extended to other ECARF members in Asia, including the Philippines and Thailand, the Foreign Office said.

The Foreign Office said it was too early to predict whether or not Japan would accept the invitation.—Reuter.

The Latest  
Soviet  
Allegation

London, June 15.

Moscow Radio, in a programme beamed to North America, today accused the United States of not wishing to ban atom weapons because certain quarters there were making "tremendous profits" out of building and stockpiling them.

"Is that the reason why the American propaganda machine continues to distort the Soviet attitude and endeavours to keep the average American ignorant about the Soviet peace proposal?" the Russian commentator asked.

He said the Russian position was "clearly defined." Russia proposed an agreement "whereby all signatories will undertake unconditionally not to use atomic, hydrogen or other weapons of mass annihilation."

But some United States circles "realise that such an agreement would pave the way towards the mobilisation of atomic energy for civilian use, and that is just what they don't want," he said.

They make tremendous profits on the atom and hydrogen hysteria."—Reuter.

Mail  
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